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THE CHAPEL



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC MASS

CHAPEL _____ Sunday 8:00 A.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital _____ Sunday 10:15 A.M.

DAILY MASS _____ Chapel 7:30 A.M.

Confessions before each Mass

PROTESTANT SERVICES

BIBLE CLASS—Chapel _____ Sunday 9:30 A.M.

CHAPEL _____ Sunday 10:00 A.M.

CHAPEL _____ Sunday 7:30 P.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital _____ Sunday 9:00 A.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital _____ Sunday 5:30 P.M.

CHAPEL _____ Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

RECREATION ROOM—

Old Hospital _____ Wednesday 5:30 P.M.

Religious services are also held every Sunday morning at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School, in the Assembly Hall, 11:00 A.M.

The following, reprinted from the "Stars and Stripes" (Italian Issue) carried this simple but full-of-meaning Editor's note "The following poem was found on the body of an unknown Yank, killed in action."

The Staff of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast consider it most fitting to include this poem in the Chaplain's Corner this issue.

Look God,

I have never spoken to You,

But now I want to say "How do you do"

You see, God, they told me You didn't exist

And like a fool I believed all this.

Last nite from a shell hole, I saw Your sky,
I figured right then they had told me a lie;
Had I taken time to see things You made
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade
a spade.

I wonder God if You'd shake my hand . . .
Somehow I feel that You will understand.
Funny I had to come to this hellish place,
Before I had time to see Your face,

But I'm sure glad God, I met you today,
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say
I'm sure the zero hour will soon be here
But I'm not afraid since I know You're
near.

The signal, well God, I'll have to go . . .
I like You lots, this I want You to know,
Look now, this will be a horrible fight,
Who knows, I may come to Your House to-
nite.

Though I wasn't friendly to You before
I wonder, God if You'd wait at Your door?
Look, I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!
I wish I had known You these many years.

Well I have to go now, God . . . goodbye;
Strange, since I met You, I'm not afraid
to die.

ON THE COVER:

Annex I, Better Known as Ward 40

Annex I, or Ward 40, was originally constructed as a detachment barracks. Of modern concrete construction faced with cream-colored brick, it is of the same architectural pattern as the New Main Hospital building.

Early in the year 1941, the Detachment Medical Department, formerly occupying Annex I, was moved into tents and the vacated barracks converted for ward use to meet the increasing demands for hospital beds incident to army expansion.

Seven new temporary buildings of standard cantonment type construction were completed on September 26, 1941 for housing that part of the Detachment Medical Department assigned to duties at the New Hospital.

Annex I has its own mess hall, kitchen, and surgical dressing rooms. Classrooms for teaching the science of Physical Therapy are located in the basement. The Annex is comprised of wards for patients await-



Pvt. Ades LaCombe, Infantry, of Jennings, Louisiana, doing a bit of wood-work.

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are furnished free, and the completed project is the property of the patient.

Many of the activities in this shop serve a dual purpose. They are planned so a patient may perform some activity which has been prescribed by his doctor that will hasten his recovery, at the same time he is creating an article, which he may take with him and of which he will be proud. Many years ago a very wise man said, "Employment is man's best physician and essential to human happiness."

Among the articles made are PLASTIC frames, rings, pins, bracelets, cigarette cases, etc.; WOOD wall brackets, what-not

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Pvt. Juan Rodriquez, Infantry of Mercedes, Texas, shown at a small loom on which he is making a bedroom rug.

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ing surgical operations and for patients requiring further surgical observation and treatment.

Occupational Therapy Shop, No. 1 is located in the "pent-house" a-top Annex I. This ideally located shop is most attractive. Large windows give excellent ventilation and light as well as a beautiful view of the surrounding vicinity. The floor is green and henna tile, which is not only appealing to the eye, but restful to look at.

In this occupational shop are numerous looms, hand and foot operated, a jig-saw, power lathes, saws, drill presses, also numerous other facilities for patients to occupy their time. In making articles, materials



Pvt. Leslie Aaron, Infantry, of Oak Grove, Louisiana, weaving a table runner at a small hand-operated loom.

"A War Expert Views the News"

By Colonel H. L. Landers, U. S. Army, Retired

Military Commentator on Texas Quality Network

from Station WOAI San Antonio, Texas

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

NORMANDY

In my weekly lectures to ambulatory patients at the Station Hospital of The San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, I stress the point that what I hope to accomplish is to plant an idea or two that may enable them to think more intelligently upon the progress of the war, and not be content to have others formulate opinions for them. In my broadcasts I endeavor to clarify subjects discussed, expressing my own conclusions in a way that I hope will incite the interest of the listener, even though he may not agree with me. In these articles for the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast, if I thought all they amounted to was the chronological presentation of war happenings, I would stop writing them.

Let's get down to something concrete. Yesterday you read these headlines: "Invasion Progress Behind Planners' Expectations," and "Progress of Allies in France Slower Than Planners Expected." The headlines gave correctly the theme subject of a dispatch from Wes Gallagher, Associated Press correspondent at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, dated July 7. Gallagher said: "The Allied invasion of France has not lived up to the expectation of many of its planners, who had estimated the assault would progress more rapidly than it has." He said that officers made no secret of their disappointment, and gave as the chief reason for progress being slow, the fact that the Germans "reacted violently and fought frantically for each foot of ground—in Russian style." The statement would have been stronger had the correspondent not included the last three words.

Other reasons that caused unfavorable and delaying results as reported by Gallagher, were that the worst June weather in 25 years blocked the Allies from using air superiority to the full extent; a channel gale caused considerable damage in unloading operations; if the weather had not been at its worst during the first unloading stage, sufficient supplies and troops early in the campaign might have paid big dividends before the Germans could get set; and finally, Marshal Rommel had been able to bring up reserve divisions under cover of low-hanging clouds.

If after reading the Associated Press article, you accept the viewpoint of the cor-

respondent, at least weigh and consider some other facts. The invasion was the most complex military operation in history. Under no conditions of planning would General Eisenhower's staff be justified in assuming that the breaks would be one hundred per cent in favor of the Allies. I shall not accept the viewpoint that conditions following the landing were far worse than had been foreseen, as a possibility, until the statement is made by Eisenhower or under his authority. Nor do I accept the inference that the penetration into France is far behind schedule. I have followed all phases of the Battle of Normandy with close attention. In my comments on the operations, now 33 days old, I have said that General Montgomery's plan to have the American First Army, under Lieutenant General Bradley, cut off the Cherbourg Peninsula and then close in on the port of Cherbourg, was carried through without a hitch. While Bradley was performing his mission, Lieutenant General Dempsey, commanding the British Second Army, was equally successful in holding a powerful German force on the British and Canadian front, and keeping them off the backs of the Americans.

The writer of the article under comment said that "only one great thrust that would achieve a big break through into the open behind the Germans, has a chance for making up lost time." "What lost time?" I ask, "Time before getting into Berlin?" "Time for going some intangible place?" Eisenhower's forces are in France not to go places, but to defeat the German army opposing them. They can do this just as effectively in northwestern France as around Paris or on the frontier of the Reich. The writer also said that with the "terrific amount of armor around the bridgehead," a break through the German lines can be achieved only "after the biggest armored battle in the history of western Europe." The last statement lost the warning it meant to imply, when the fact was called to mind that there never has been any great armored battle in western Europe.

When Lieutenant General Mark Clark's Fifth Army did not walk ashore at Salerno and proceed without interruption into Naples, there was the same unfair, unsound, and undigested criticism of operations being unduly and disappointingly slow. Prior

to that, Allied leadership was charged with slowness in invading Italy, with the alleged result that the Germans had time to build up their strength south of Rome. I maintained at the time that it made no difference, as the Allied forces under the British General Alexander could defeat the German divisions south of Rome, just as well as to the north of that city or in the Po Valley. And that's exactly what happened. The Germans were defeated when they were driven from Cassino, and from the supporting Gustav and Hitler lines. They have made no stand worthy of being called a defense since they evacuated Rome. Doubtless there was some disappointment in the Normandy beachhead that Paris had not yet been reached.

CHINA

Fighting in China had been going against the Chinese in a manner that was alarming, unless one had a deeply rooted faith in Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and Major General Chennault. On four previous attempts of the Japanese to penetrate Hunan Province and hold their gains, they have been thwarted by General Hsueh Yueh, the "Little Tiger," governor of Hunan. Several days ago the two Japanese columns, one moving down the Hankow-Canton railroad from Changsha and Hengyang, the other driving north from Canton, were close to a junction. Were the Japanese able to hold this stretch of railroad, all of Chennault's airdromes in Kiangsi, Chekiang and Fukien Provinces of southeast China would be imperiled. In analyzing the situation in my broadcast the evening of July 5, I said that the loss of these airfields would interfere seriously with Allied plans to bomb Formosa, Japan proper, and enemy shipping in the China Sea. Then I expressed my convictions that the Japanese would fail in their efforts to string themselves along the entire rail system from Hankow to Canton, and said I placed my faith in General Hsueh Yueh, who had beaten the Japanese game four times, and in the wizardry of General Chennault and his 14th Air Force.

Yesterday at President Roosevelt's press conference, there was quite a discussion of the dangerous situation brought about by the Japanese successes in Hunan and Kwangtung Provinces. While expressing concern over the outlook, as it was known at the moment, the President agreed with a reporter, who presented the viewpoint of the Chinese ministry of information, that the Japanese lines of communication were very much over-extended. President Roosevelt observed, however, that the advent of modern bombing, and our present strategic strength generally, made any Chinese coastal losses less serious now than they would have been a year ago.

Shortly after the President's press conference terminated, a dispatch from Chungking disclosed that the Chinese troops, in a dramatic come-back, had smashed through the encirclement ring around the vital rail junction of Hengyang, and had seized the initiative in all sections of fighting in Hunan Province. A Chinese Army spokesman announced that on the seventh day of the seventh month of the seventh anniversary of the start of the war, the threat of occupation by the Japanese of the Hankow-Canton railroad had been completely removed. The siege of Hengyang had been broken on its twelfth bitter day, by Chinese who stabbed suddenly from the southwest of the battered rail junction, after slashing attacks by the 14th Air Force had disorganized Japanese supply and communication lines. The high command in Chungking asserted that the Japanese lines had bogged down so badly that enemy troops in the Hengyang area had to receive supplies and ammunition by plane. Major General Tseng, Chinese headquarters spokesman, gave credit to Chennault's airmen for the Chinese deliverance at Hengyang.

RUSSIA

On July 5, 1943, the Germans in Russia opened a quasi-summer offensive to reduce the Kursk salient. No zest was put into their efforts—they acted because of a jittery condition as the result of wondering where and when the Russians would strike. The Red army struck on July 12—their first objective was the reduction of the Orel salient. From that day on, up until the time when the Ukraine armies established themselves in Bessarabia and along the Carpathians, and the Maritime army recovered all of the Crimea, Russian forces daily were striking powerful blows and conducting massive offensive operations.

Then there was a respite, to permit the accumulation of troops and weapons to strike the powerful blows that are to drive the Germans back into the Reich. On June 23 four Red armies opened a major offensive on a 250-mile front through the north-south line made by Vitebsk, Orsha, Mogilev and Zhlobin. Their success has been most astounding. The Red army newspaper, the Red Star said "the Red army is moving toward the German frontier like an avalanche. White Russia is the scene of utter military disorganization unprecedented in history." The Russian paper Pravda said that "Hitler's army was on the verge of catastrophe. That July third, the day Germany bared its supineness by abandoning the powerful defenses of Minsk without striking a blow, stood out as one of the most significant dates, never to be erased from the memory of the Soviet people." In fourteen days the Third White

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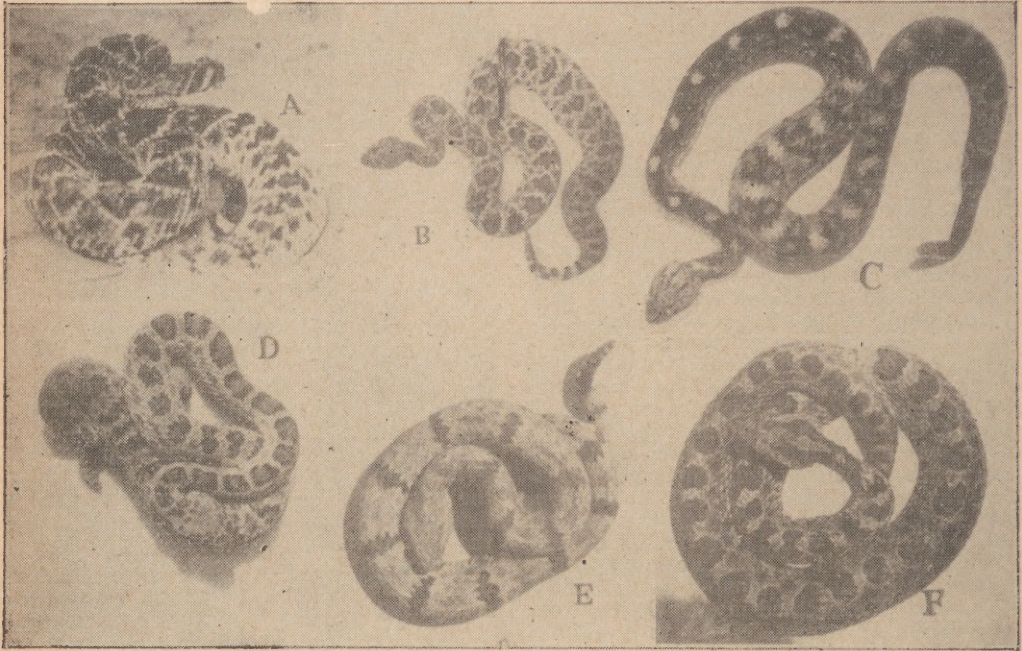
If You Were Bitten . . . ?

It is surprising, but nevertheless true, that few people living in and around San Antonio are concerned to a great extent about the poisonous snakes to be found in this vicinity.

Recently several children have been bitten while at play in their own back yards and dozens of other cases requiring hospitalization have brought to light the fact that a thorough understanding of the types of poisonous snakes to be found in this

vicinity might aid would-be victims to exercise more care in avoiding the bite of the deadly rattler.

One of the best known authorities on the subject of poisonous snakes is Colonel Martin Lalor Crimmins, U. S. Army, retired. Colonel Crimmins has graciously consented to allow the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast to reprint some of his articles on snakes of Texas and the Southwest.



The pictures in the above illustration were taken by Dr. A. H. Wright, Cornell University, at a distance of from one and one-half to two feet, at considerable personal danger.

A. Western Diamond Back Rattler, second largest Texas rattlesnake in position to strike, and B. after a strike.

C. Black-tailed rattlesnake, found in West Texas and in Bexar County.

D. Prairie rattlesnake found in Western and Central Texas.

E. Green rattlesnake, smallest Texas rattlesnake.

F. Edwards Massauga, found in West Texas.

Colonel Martin Lalor Crimmins, United States Army, Retired, has lived a most colorful life. He studied medicine at the University of Virginia, and received his commission in the regular army on 9 September 1898. Then joined Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders." A tour of duty included station at Fort Sam Houston. A later issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast will carry a sketch of Colonel Crimmins' life.

Facts About Texas Snakes and their Poison

BY COL. M. L. CRIMMINS, USA., Retired

There are in Texas five species of rattlesnakes of the *Crotalus* family; the Western Diamond Rattlesnake, the Banded or Timber Rattlesnake, the Black-tailed Rattlesnake, the Prairie Rattlesnake and the Green Rattlesnake.

The Western Diamond Rattlesnake is the second largest rattlesnake and grows to seven feet in length. It is of a dull yellowish brown with pinkish, light blue, or yellowish-gray diamond bands around it, which identifies this snake. The abdomen is yellowish. It is found in the subarid and desert regions of Texas.

The Banded or Timber Rattlesnake grows to six feet in length, and is yellow to brown, and olive to black, with dark cross bands, edged with a yellow and black tail. It is found in extreme North-Eastern Texas, and sometimes in swampy land.

The Black-tailed Rattlesnake grows to four and a half feet in length, and is of a rich sulphur-yellow, yellowish brown or olive, with a series of brown rhombs down the back. The center rhombs usually have two yellow blotches. The tail of this snake is uniformly black. It is found in West Texas, as far east as Bexar County.

The Prairie Rattlesnake grows to six feet, and is a greenish yellow or olive, with subquadrate large brown blotches upon the back and with small faint blotches on the sides. The dark band from beneath the center of the eye to the angle of the mouth is the special mark of identification. It is found in Western to Central Texas, in the dry plains region.

The Green Rattlesnake is the smallest, usually, about two feet long. It is an ashy gray of rich dark green, with 19 black bands across the back and a kidney-shaped spot on the base of the skull.

There are two kinds of pigmy rattlesnakes, the Southern Pigmy, which is about 18 inches in length, a dark ashy gray, with large black blotches on the back separated by red scales in the central part of the back; the reddish tail is the special mark of identification. This snake is found along the coastal region of East Texas.

The Edwards Massasauga, of the pigmy rattlesnakes, is about three feet in length, with blotches on the back smaller and more widely separated. Those on the sides are very small. It is found in West Texas.

The moccasins, which belong to the *Ankistrodon* family, are: 1. The Water Moccasin or cotton-mouthed snake, which averages four feet in length. Its color is a dull olive, chestnut or brownish on the upper surface, paler on the sides, with faint

dark vertical bands, which enclose areas of ground color and dark blotches. The head is slightly more than purplish black. The abdomen is yellow, with blackish blotches covering half its area. It is found along the Rio Grande and its tributaries. 2. The Copperhead Snake or Highland Moccasin is about three feet in length. It is of a hazel brown above, with large cross bands of chestnut, and dark chestnut blotches on the sides which resemble an inverted "Y". The abdomen is yellow with 35 to 45 dark blotches. The top of the head is copper colored, with cream colored sides. It is found on high ground, throughout Texas.

The Coral Snake of the *Micrurus* family, is the only member of this group found in Texas. It attains three feet in length at adult age. The Coral Snake is black from the end of the nose to the back of the eyes, then a band of yellow, followed by a black band, and a narrow yellow band followed by a broad red band. There are from 14 to 19 broad black and broad red bands, separated by narrow yellow bands around the body, and two black and two yellow bands around the tail. All of the colors completely encircle the body, which is the distinctive marking of this snake. It is found in Central and East Texas.

Most of the poisonous snakes belong to the pit-viper family, which includes the rattlesnake proper, pigmy rattlesnake, the copperhead and the moccasin. They are identified by their flat triangular heads, thin necks, stout bodies, short tails with a single row of scales underneath, elliptical pupils like a cat, large fangs that fold back against the roof of the mouth, and a deep pit between the nostril and eye on each side of the head; from which latter characteristic, this class of vipers derives its name. The only other poisonous snake is the coral snake, which, because of its small size, small fangs and mouth that can only be opened to about 30 degrees, renders it dangerous only when it strikes a finger or a toe.

The poison glands of the snake are on each side of the head, below and behind the eyes. They are surrounded with a capsule of fibrous tissue, which is a prolongation of the zygomatic ligament and the fibers from the temporal muscles. The excretory canal, emerging from the gland, goes upward, then forward and downward, to connect with the lumen of the fang. The main pair of fangs are attached to the anterior part of the maxilla and fold back against the roof of the mouth. When the

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NEWS from the Army Nurse Corps

By 1st Lt. Mary E. Hansen



PROMOTIONS:

Though a shade late, we congratulate five young ladies who received promotions May 27th from 2nd to First Lieutenants. Myrtle V. Burgeatt, Florida Mary Swan, Olive B. Ulmer, Doris Gates, and Johnnie R. Evans.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Sullivan, Florence Morrison, Barbara A. Clymer, Jean Tewksberry, Mary Low Laager, and Calla A. Dixon who were promoted to First Lt's in June.

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Q. Who stole the Spotlight in "Splinter Village"?

A. Lt. Catherine Ida Duffy received her Captaincy June 29th. We congratulate you, Ida!

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"GRAPEVINE GANDER"

Who went sightseeing in Port Rica one afternoon and spent 4 hours on a Roof Garden by herself? Gosh! If that someone hadn't unlocked the roof door, we wouldn't have the pleasure of knowing this swell person.

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We hear Lt. Staples has a crush on the 10th Army—he's a lucky fellow!

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Lt. Shaughnesy seems to be extremely happy these days—could a "Guy Named Joe" be responsible?

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OH! Mr. Love Bug, you bite so hard nowadays—Marie Horkin and the "Major" think so anyway.

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LT. COL. HARDING SPEAKS TO FUTURE CADET NURSES

On June 27th members of the graduating classes from Santa Rosa, Robert B. Green, and M & S Hospitals were honores of the A.N.C.

Lt. Col. Harding spoke to the girls about the Army Nurse Corps. These young ladies will be future Cadet Nurses!

The girls were shown through the hospital and the Nurses' Quarters by Lts Clark and Caldwell. We hear the classes enjoyed themselves very much, and were convinced the ANC is tops.

We bid welcome to MAJOR MAIDIE E. TILLEY, former Chief Nurse at Camp Barkeley, to the staff of B.G.H. Hope you enjoy our cool breezes down here, Major!

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In the "GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL" Dept. we have:

Zola Cook—Imbiding in the latest gossip at La Polytech Inst.

B. Rochelle—Doing the bright lights in Dallas and Kerrville.

Theo O'Dell—What does one do in Oklahoma?

Inez DeRamus—Seeing all the relatives in Louisiana.

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NOTE:

There is many a chuckle coming up; watch for those "Seer-sucker numbers", Y'all . . .

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Quite a downpour we had last Saturday, wasn't it? And all because of the departure of B. Connelly. Her homespun philosophies (good for one deep belly laugh) will be appreciated at her new station we know, but who will carry on with her new found religion?

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Wouldn't a nice little dirt tennis court in back of the Nurses Home do wonders for the morale and waist line?

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MORE PROMOTIONS

We have developed numerous blisters on the right paw but, we'll risk a few more to offer our congratulations to the following FIRST LIEUTENANTS: Barry, Barkyoumbe, Butler, Cheeseman, Fleming, Hansen, Kopp, McPherson, Moore, and O'Dell.

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SPLASH!!

Incidentally, gals, the old swimming hole is one of the best places we know for meeting "new friends". Now, now, don't push, plenty for all, (we hope): Move over!

ANC NEWS

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A REMINDER:

The Post Tailor alters hats to fit any promotion!

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ANCHORS A-WEIGH . . . !

Don't cry Ingold, nor you, Grogan, the NAVY always comes back.

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STILL ANOTHER??

We've all been dancing circles around KEZIAH HIBBARD this past week. She is now sporting "railroad tracks" and do they shine! We could get all "gushy" about it, but we aren't inclined to be that way, and "K" knows we sincerely wish her all our best!

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OUR LOSS THEIR GAIN:

The operating room lost two of its members last week to other stations. Margaret Shaughnessy quit us for McCloskey General and Edith Richman now calls Camp Maxey her home.

Nina Basham and Mary Taylor are back full of vim, vigor, and vitality after a super-duper vacation.

The six Nurses from the Old Hospital in the last Basic Class want US to extend their thanks to Lt. Schmidy and Sgt. Lemons for a pleasant and entertaining two weeks. They are proud of their tans and "figgers."

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. . . IT SAYS HERE . . .

Connie Caldwell wishes more people would read and take the hint . . . articles on the subject of how soft music increases ones ability to carry on for long hours in the office. We know the Staff will rush right out and buy you a combination radio-victrola with all the latest recordings, Connie!

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. . . AND THEN TOO . . .

If you don't read the YANK, we suggest you get on the beam and try it soon. We don't mean to advertise but we do suggest that you scan it from cover to cover. It handles the problems of the individual soldier better than some of the experts and if there is anything worrying you, the solution may be found therein. The cartoons are sure to tickle your 'funny bone' too—if not, consult the nearest Psychiatrist.

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The picnic, by gosh, we almost forgot the picnic! It was the annual affair for the Nurses held at Salado and from the amount of FOOD consumed, we would say it was

more than successful—Who said LIQUID refreshments—I said FOOD!

Hey, Willie Witten, when are you going to start sending Miss Duffey notes in return for all those cute ones she leaves you?

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CHIEF NURSES "GET TOGETHER" FOR SWIM-N-PICNIC

On Wednesday July 12h, fifty-five Chief Nurses who are at the Chief Nurses' School at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center were guests of Brooke General Hospital's swimming pool in the "Old" hospital area.

The nurses brought with them a picnic supper and from the expressions of pleasure of the lovely swimming pool and the courtesy extended them by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, commanding Brooke, that a good time was had by all.

A WAR EXPERT VIEWS THE NEWS

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Russian army drove 210 miles from Orsha to Vilna. It is but 95 miles from Vilna to the frontiers of East Prussia. Gains of equal length have been made to Kowel, Luck and Baranowicze in Poland. Nowhere have the Germans shown the slightest ability to stop any of these drives. Russian forces are beating to death Germany's military power at a fast pace. I expect to see the Red army on the frontiers of Germany in three weeks or less.

AIR DESTRUCTION

At a press conference held by General Arnold, commanding the Army Air Forces, on July 3, after a visit to England, France and Italy, he told of the desperate condition to which the Luftwaffe had been reduced, which accounted for the failure of the Germans to muster bomber and fighter strength to hit the thousands of ships in the English Channel, and the swarms of Allied troops on the beachheads at the time of the invasion. General Arnold said that Allied strategical bombings had hit all 55 of Germany's oil refineries, and cut the production of each one to one-third or less of the normal output.

The opposition put up by German fighter planes to Allied bombing missions over the Reich, General Arnold declared, had dwindled from somewhere between 200 and 600 planes, to as few as 100 planes. Many Allied missions are entirely unopposed by German fighters. The last mission over Berlin, made in clear weather with 1,100 planes met no air opposition. The Air Chief referred to the enemy's very limited air showing over Normandy, and to the great damage done by Allied planes in German back areas, virtually without air opposition.

About People We Know . . .



36TH DIVISION MEN MEET AT BGH

Major Norman A. Webster of the 141st Infantry, 36th Division and T/Sgt. George P. White who served under Major Webster's command met this week as patients in the Brooke General Hospital after having been in battle together in Italy.

Sgt. White trained under Major Webster at Brownwood leaving April 2, 1943 for duty overseas with the 36th. In North Africa they were in training seeing no action until 9 September 1943 when they went into Salerno, Italy.

Major Webster was Commander of the Second Battalion, 141st Infantry and Sgt. White was Communications Chief. On the 8th of December, 1943, near Venefro, Italy, Major Webster received serious injuries when he was on a rush mission as a passenger in a jeep. It had been raining and because of the rain and mud could not see the shell hole which the jeep struck.

Major Webster remarked on what excellent soldier Americans are, commenting, "Those 'G.I.'s" really have what it takes. When it comes time to 'go over the top' they never flinch". He continued, "When you go through battle over there and see what the women and children of those captured towns go through, believe me, we really appreciate our United States and we thank God our families are well and safe in a free country".

Major and Mrs. Webster reside on the Huebner Road here in San Antonio and

would be glad to have any 36th Division men who served with him to visit him at his home.

Sgt. White also a San Antonian lives at 1138 N. Centre Street. Sgt. White was wounded in the right leg by shell fragments 12 February 1944 near Cassino, Italy. Within two days following injury Sgt. White had been operated on and given blood plasma. Later he received five more plasma transfusions. He arrived by hospital ship at Starke General Hospital and came by plane to Brooke on the 16th of June.

Another patient at Brooke who also served under Major Webster was First Sgt. Hartman, also a 36th Division man.

Sgt. Hartman was also in on the battle of Salerno. He was wounded on 22 of January during the battle of the Rapido River, having been struck by fragments from a mortar shell in the back and right arm. Hartman came to Brooke via hospital train on the 4th of April.

All of the men stated that the medical department is right on the front line with the fighting forces and the service rendered by the medical units is beyond reproach.

All three of the men met in the same general hospital overseas before being returned to this country for further treatment and care.

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OTHER NEWS

On June 13th, Pfc. Warren C. Wallace of Corpus Christi, Texas and Pfc. Louis R. Cerda of Dallas, Texas, also both 36th Division men were taken to the Alamo where they broadcast over national hook-up for the opening of the 5th War Loan Drive. Both men are proud possessors of letters written by the president of N.B.C. thanking them for their efforts.

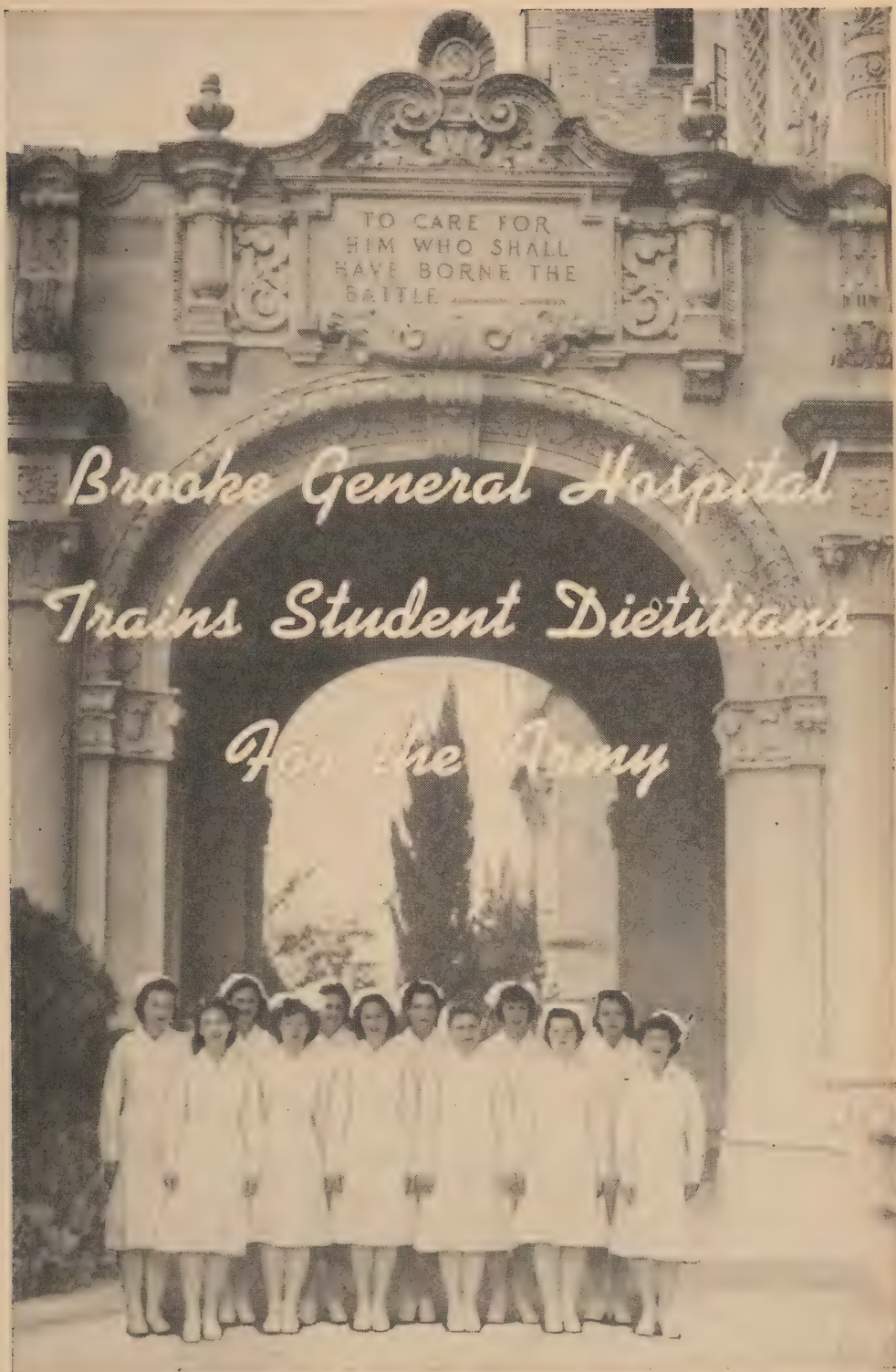
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Another 36th Division man, Pfc. J. P. Turland participated recently on a radio program for WAC recruiting. It was an informal breakfast affair at the St. Anthony Coffee Room. Pvt. Turland reported a good time.

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CORRECTION

Our apologies to Mrs. Olga H. Zander, civilian personnel, for erroneously stating that her son, Lt. Whitlock Zander was stationed in California. Lt. Zander is still overseas having been re-assigned after his injury healed, while he was still in the South Pacific.



*Brooke General Hospital
Trains Student Dietitians
For the Army*

First Class of Dietitians Graduate From Brooke General Hospital



Pictured above is the first class of dietitians graduating from the Training Course for Hospital Dietitians at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, receiving commissions 1 July, 1944: (Left to Right) with Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach Commanding General of Brooke are Second Lieutenants Sally L. Hovey, of New Rochelle, New York; Emily G. Horton, of Albany, New York; Geraldine L. Pogell, of Laredo, Texas; Gladys E. L. Holtze, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Helen M. Carr, of

Troy, New York, and Alice E. Featherstone of Syracuse, New York.

Other members of the class graduating July 1st were Second Lieutenants Mary E. Jordan and Olga Jurcsisin of Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, Texas; Elizabeth M. Daley from Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The remaining member of the class, Ruth M. Kerkes, will graduate 15 August 1944.

On 1 July 1944 the first class of student dietitians at Brooke General Hospital received their commissions, marking the first milestone in the Brooke General Hospital school for army dietitians. Designated as one of the general hospitals to provide the one year's internship for medical department dietitians, Brooke General Hospital is ideally suited for the task.

Located on the military reservation of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, this hospital functions as a general hospital for designated territory of the Eighth Service Command and as a station hospital for Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This gives a higher percentage of acute diseases.

As a general hospital it compares favorably with our largest civilian institutions for the care of the sick. The excellent medical and surgical facilities, the wealth of clinical material, the extensive laboratories of Brooke General Hospital, the veterinar-

ian program of Fort Sam Houston, and the Quartermaster Corps Market Center afford wide range and unexcelled opportunity to learn how the army justifies its claim "the best fed-men in the world." It is a versatile course and on its completion the student is qualified for both administrative and therapeutic dietetics.

This army school for dietitians at Brooke General Hospital is under the direction of the Commanding General, Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach and Capt. Nell Wickliffe, Chief Dietitian. The course is approved by the American Dietetic Association.

The object of this school is to furnish a thorough training relative to diet in health and disease and in the organization and administration of the dietetic department of a hospital. The theory of dietetics in relation to medical and surgical cases is taught by a staff of competent instructors, including medical officers of the army.

All classes are correlated with practical assignments. The first six months is made up of closely supervised practical work on the wards, in the messes, formulae rooms, store rooms and office. At the end of six months the student dietitian is classified as an apprentice dietitian. Her responsibilities and pay increase, so by the end of a year she has earned her commission as second lieutenant in the medical department.

All students hold a B. S. degree with a major in foods and nutrition and are selected by competitive civil service examination for their assignment as student dietitians. This examination consists of practical questions in the fundamentals of die-

tetics and related sciences. Application for appointment to any army course for student dietitians should be made directly to the United States Civil Service Commission, Education and Psychology Division, Washington 25, D. C.

ON THE COVER (Student Dietitian Section): The new class which reported July 1st, 1944, includes left to right in front row: Lois Morley, Naomi Middlesworth, Jane B. Hayes, Rosemary Gould, Mary A. Tope, Gertrude Mooney and Jean A. Mayo; Second row: Ruth E. Gubler, Penelope S. Easton, Mary M. Conrad, Emily A. Dolenc and Helen R. Stafford.

1. Left—Helen Carr, student dietitian writes the diets and charts the food required for all diets on the ward on which she is assigned. She is supervised by Second Lieutenant Gladys T. Edwards, one of the staff dietitians.



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2. Below—Student and staff dietitian checking the food as it leaves the kitchen by way of an electric food cart.



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3. Above—Supervision of tray service by student and staff dietitian in ward diet kitchen.



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4. Right—Ward rounds in which patients are visited after trays have arrived at the bedside for the meal. The patient in this case is Pvt. Warren G. Thompson, formerly with an anti-aircraft unit.



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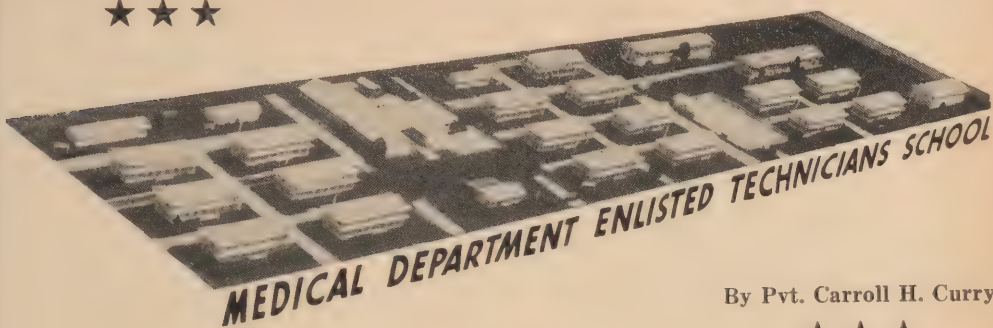
Student dietitians receive classroom instruction from First Lieutenant Mary K. Behlen, dietetics instructor.



Graduate dietitians, apprentice dietitians and student dietitians receiving drill instruction.

Below, the finished product of the School of Student Dietitians at the Brooke General Hospital is Second Lieutenant Geraldine L. Pogell.





By Pvt. Carroll H. Curry



ACTIVITIES

Breathes there a private with soul so dead,
Who never to himself, has said:
Oh, how I'd like to have breakfast in bed?

That favorite dream of all "G.I.'s" came true for Leslie Todd, of the Dental Section of MDETS, and ALMOST came true for Pvt. Othell Stapp, of the Medical Section.

As a part of the graduation ceremonies, 5 July 1944, "Breakfast in Bed," a variety show and amateur contest, was held in the school assembly hall, with the winners of the contest receiving "Breakfast in Bed," served by the mess sergeant.

Todd and Stapp almost brought down the house with their odd "jive" combination of piano-accordion and bass violin. They began their act with "The Sheik of Araby," and were brought back to the stage for number after number by the very appreciative audience. They were winners of the contest by a slight margin of audience approval.

The show ended with S/Sgt. Frank Naiman being called to the stage to present a menu to the winners. At seven o'clock the following morning, Sgt. Naiman served breakfast to Pvt. Todd in his own barracks—but, WOE!! Pvt. Stapp had shipped out of Fort Sam sometime in the wee hours of the morn!

Major Fred Renick and his well trained provisional Company "A" again carried away the honors at our graduation review. That makes two in a row for these fellows. Congratulations. Colonel Alfred R. Thomas, M.C. was the reviewing officer on this occasion and following the review Colonel Thomas brought an inspiring message to the graduates at the ceremony which was held in the auditorium of the Service Club.

SPORTIVITIES

The MDETS bowling team recently completed their schedule in the Broadway Commercial League, ending up in third place, one game ahead of their arch rivals, the Brooke General Hospital team. The kegglers who bowled with the team during the past season were Frank Naiman, Curtis Voelkel,

Henry Bos, John Victor, Earl Van DeAvon, Joe Filyo, and Don Grimmer.

During the past two weeks the MDETS softball team has shown its strength in playing outstanding ball. Heading the list of opponents was the strong Randolph Field team, which said "Uncle" to our team in their first defeat of the season, with a score of 2 to 1.

The "Medics" played a bang-up game from start to finish, with our star pitcher, S/Sgt. Voelkel allowing only five hits, which were well scattered. Voelkel did his usual fine pitching throughout the entire game, while the Randolph team used two of its reputedly fast pitchers, Roberts and Bryan.

Leading the batting lineup for MDETS was Ralph Ernhart, three for three, a perfect day with a triple and two singles.

26 June saw another easy victory for the "Medics" when they overpowered the 3547th Ordnance Maintenance Company to the tune of 13 to 1. Again Earnhart and Voelkel were the outstanding performers of the day.

On a wet diamond, the team played a tough game against 157th Quartermaster Bakery, 3 July 1944. While both teams found it hard to handle the slippery ball, the MDETS team won again by a score of 6 to 2. The Bakers used Hooper, the Fort Sam Houston all-star pitcher. Sanford led the "Medics" with three trips to the plate, showing two doubles and one single.

The school will again start with a newly built team, after losing four of its outstanding players through graduation. The boys who are left behind each month know that Lt. Green will again show his fine coaching ability and turn up with another strong team.

Much interest has been noted in the school in the boxing bouts which are held in the ring just behind the swimming pool in the school area. Large audience have recently seen some good old-fashioned matches, and the bouts have proven to be very popular, both with contestants and audience.



BROOKE SPORTS

Edited by Pvt. R. C. Guthrie.



BROOKE NINE EXTENDS STREAK TO EIGHT

The Brooke General Hospital baseball team, presently flying along at a terrific pace, added three more games to the victory column last week, to extend their winning streak to eight straight.

The BGH nine now has a record of thirteen wins against seven losses. They have won the last nine out of ten games, including the victory string of eight.

Their sixth win came at the expense of the hard-hitting hustling San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center Colored Warhawks 11-9 in a thrilling extra inning affair at SAACC. "Whitey" Hartman started on the mound for Brooke but was forced to give way in the ninth to Johnny Foell, who got credit for the victory as Lt. Wards boys pushed over a pair of runs in the eleventh inning to clinch the contest. Red Humphrey, Brooke's fiery catcher, polled one over the left fielders head in the third inning for a home run. Buggage of SAACC also clouted a circuit smash in the first.

Traveling to Kelly Field for their next game, the "Medics" got a real scare as they were forced to come from behind with four runs in the eighth inning to defeat a scrappy Kelly Base Detachment aggregation 5-4. Kelly scored four runs in the second inning and had complete command of the game until the eighth when Tanella, Saunders, Townery singled, Mayhew walked, and Bart Olson cracked a long double to left to produce the winning margin. Mayhew, Brooke left fielder led the boys at the plate with two hits in four times at bat.

Carl King garnered his seventh victory of the season in this contest.

On Saturday the BGH team met and defeated one of the best teams in Texas Army baseball, when they downed the 19th Armored Division team from Camp Bowie 1-0 in a terrific pitcher's battle. "Whitey" Hartman was invincible in chalking up his fifth win of the season, allowing the visitors only two hits, one of which was an infield fluke. "Whitey" struck out eight Bowie men. Gerkin, former Southern Association pitcher hurled for the visitors and gave up nine hits and the only run of the game.

Brooke pushed across the winning marker in the third inning on singles by Guthrie,

Tanella, a walk to Fair and a sacrifice fly to left by Mayhew. Bart Olson, slugging "Medic" infielder led the hit parade with three hits in as many times at bat. Brightwell, former Cincinnati Reds property, got the only clean hit for Bowie, when he tripled to deep right field in the sixth, but was unable to score.

BASEBALL BATTING AVERAGES

| | Avg. | AB | H |
|--------------------|------|----|----|
| 1. Kilmer | .351 | 37 | 13 |
| 2. Foell | .333 | 9 | 3 |
| 3. Mayhew | .343 | 23 | 8 |
| 4. Olson | .343 | 73 | 25 |
| 5. Tonella | .300 | 30 | 9 |
| 6. Wray | .260 | 35 | 9 |
| 7. Broadway | .273 | 63 | 17 |
| 8. Humphreys | .225 | 31 | 7 |
| 9. Saloh | .277 | 18 | 5 |
| 10. Fair | .228 | 57 | 13 |
| 11. Hartman | .200 | 30 | 6 |
| 12. Tawney | .208 | 24 | 5 |
| 13. Saunders | .233 | 30 | 7 |
| 14. Guthrie | .165 | 30 | 5 |
| 15. King | .146 | 28 | 4 |

PITCHING RECORDS

| | Won | Lost | SO | IP |
|---------------|-----|------|----|----|
| King | 6 | 0 | 76 | 63 |
| Foell | 3 | 2 | 34 | 23 |
| Hartman | 5 | 1 | 56 | 36 |
| Dietz | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Kraus | 0 | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| Fair | 0 | 2 | 10 | 10 |

MSS PLACES TWO IN SWIMMING MEET

Two Medical Service School swimmers qualified for the gala Eighth Service Command meet to be held in late July at the Enlisted Men's pool last Saturday, when Major Albert Rath and Pvt. Walter Worrell each won in his division, in very good times.

Major Rath, a former Wooster (Ohio) college swim star, won the 50-yd. free style, and placed third in the 100-yd. race. He also swam on the experimental 440-yd. relay team. Pvt. Worrell won the 220-yd. free style, and also intends to swim on the relay team in the coming meet. Pvt. Worrell is from Palo Alto California, and was a former swimming coach there.

The July meet is touted to be one of the best ever held in the Fort Sam area, with competitors from the entire Eighth Service Command entered.

... Physical Therapy News ...

By 2nd Lt Fern Green, P. T.



TAKE OATH OF OFFICE: Lt. Colonel Guy Wyrick, adjutant at Brooke General Hospital officiates when the following received their Second Lieutenant Commissions in Physical Therapy: left to right, Margery Short, Isabelle Armstrong and Georgina Windham.

NEW CLASS REPORTS

The largest class in the history of our Physical Therapy training program, is now gracing the buildings and grounds of B.G.H. Nineteen members of the Women's Army Corps, make up Class VI. They began arriving with "G.I." bag and baggage, July 7. They are as follows: Pvt. Florence Austin of Kingston, Pennsylvania; Pfc. Verona Blair of Gardenville, New York; Pvt. Belle K. Cohen of Newark, New Jersey; Pvt. Edith Cole of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Pvt. Maude M. Erwin of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Pfc. Isabel Forbes of New Haven, Connecticut; Pfc. Dorothy Glidden of Seattle, Washington; Pvt. Mildred Gosslee of Moorhead, Minnesota; Pvt. Elizabeth Grombacher of Youngstown, Ohio; Sgt. Florence Hoffman of San Anselmo, California; Pvt. Catherine Ingenhutt of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Pvt. Lucy E. Jones of Hillsdale, Michigan; Pfc. Roberta R. Lawrence of Anadarko, Oklahoma; Pvt. Rimwalda Lissy of Chicago, Illinois; Pvt. Maria Matsiselts of Chicago, Illinois; M/Sgt.

Mary G. Redden of Tallassee, Alabama; Pvt. Eleanor Rezabek of Cleveland, Ohio; Pfc. Dorothy Soden of Alexandria, Louisiana; and Pfc. Alice Wheatly of Waxahachie, Texas.

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Our ten new apprentices, WAC's of Class V, are on the last lap in their struggle for commissions in the Medical Department. Three of these girls will be transferred elsewhere. They are Pfc. Louise Hall to Starke General Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina; Cpl. Constance Bennett and Cpl. Dorothy White to Moore General Hospital, Swannonoa, North Carolina. We're sorry to see you go, Apprentices, but the best of luck to y'all!!

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Lt. Eleanor V. Hayes, in charge of Physical Therapy at Annex II, has received her orders to report to the 114th General Hospital, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. We'll miss you too, Eleanor, but the best of luck to you in your new venture!!

The P. T. Dept. is just recovering from
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PHYSICAL THERAPY

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a week of Social Whirl, brought about by the termination of classes. It began July 1st, with a week-end at Dixie Dude Ranch (Yes, Bandera again). See Lt. Windham for all details on "cactus."

July 3rd found the Dept. at dinner in the Anacacho Room. Class V entertained Capt. Kuraner and Lts. Hatfield, Green, and Hayes at this function. Compliments to Cpl. Phillips for clever place cards.

July 4th—dinner at Antonios, to honor our newly commissioned Second Lieutenants Armstrong, Page, Short, and Windham. All went over in a big way!

July 5th—Super picnic at Salado-Dietitians, Nurses and Physical Therapists: Good swimming, excellent food, but bad Bridge! Hello Ruth!

July 6th—Rest night.

July 7th—Lawn mowing picnic at Mr. and Mrs. Brunnemann's home. The excellent food was compensation for mowing the back yard. Honest!

July 8th—Another SATURDAY night in S. A. You know—?

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Lt. Green was granted a four-day leave to recuperate at home (Brownfield, Texas) from Class V, so watch out Class VI—She's ready!

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You've heard of the Green-Windham feud, haven't you? Events are progressing per schedule. Some rumors are around about the entry of a dark horse in this race. Wonder which will win?—Time alone will tell!

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Just today we chanced to meet
Down upon the crowded street
And I wondered whence he came
What was once his nation's name,
So I asked him, "Tell me true—
Are you Pole or Russian Jew,
English, Irish, German, Prussian,
French, Italian, Scotch or Russian,
Belgian, Spanish, Swiss, Moravian,
Dutch, Greek, or Scandinavian?"
Then he raised his head on high,
As he gave me this reply;
"What I was is naught to me
In this Land of Liberty;
In my soul, as man to man
I AM AN AMERICAN."

Anon.

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ANNEX I, WARD 40

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shelves, nut bowls, smoke stands, picture frames, etc.; LEATHER wrist-watch bands, bill-folds, toilet kits, cigarette cases, etc.; WOVEN table runners, dish towels, scarfs, rugs, bath mats, etc.



"... and Doctor every day the Spots get bigger and more of them."

—By PVT. PAUL SUDDATH,
B.G.H. Medical Detachment.

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FACTS ABOUT TEXAS SNAKES

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snake bites, they are raised by the pterygoid bone and muscle to an angle of 90 per cent.

The venom is a thick, amber colored liquid, neutral or slightly acid, and has a specific gravity of 1.030 to 1.050. It is soluble in a normal salt solution, and generally, in distilled water. When dried, it forms clear yellow crystals, in elongated laminate. It is composed of the following: (1) A powerful fibrin ferment; (2) an antifibrin ferment which attacks the coagulating element of the blood; (3) a proteolytic ferment which dissolves the muscles; (4) cytolytins, which dissolve the red and white blood cells, endothelial and nerve cells; (5) an antibacteriocidal substance of the nature of an anticomplement; (6) neurotoxins, with a special affinity for nerve cells; (7) a neurotoxin with an affinity for the nerve terminals of the muscles, and (8) a substance which reinforces the cardiac tonus and causes the heart to stop in systole, in some cases.

In a later edition of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast, there will appear an article on "Treatment of Bites of Texas Poisonous Snakes," by Colonel Crimmins. Watch for it.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.

Reported by Claudine Porter
Red Cross Hospital Worker

A "Patient Revue" was staged by patients at the Old Hospital Monday, June 26th. S/Sgt. George Washington acted as emcee and contributed several acts, including some excellent tap-dancing. Others on the program were Pfc. Don Johnson, pianist; Pvt. Charlie Hatter and Pvt. Willie Singleton, singers; and Pvt. James Smith, comedian and cartoonist, who doubled as publicity man. The enthusiastic response of the audience branded the show a success and we're looking forward to another one this month.

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At last the Old Hospital is to have a Red Cross House of its very own. There will be an auditorium with equipment like the building at the New Hospital and a seating capacity of five hundred. There will be a library and Red Cross offices. Nightly programs will be held for the entertainment of the patients. There will be the same recreation facilities during the day as are now found in the New Hospital House.



Salado! Salado! Remember the fun we all had at the picnic! You who weren't there—it was wonderful being able to go without changing from our robes. And the food! Doesn't your mouth still water when you think of that cake? What a cake! There were cold cuts and potato salad, hard boiled eggs, and that ice cream and cake! Eating wasn't all we did. We played croquet, horseshoes, and softball. The Ft. Sam Band, under direction of Sgt. Parris, provided entertainment along with Charlene Hillje, who wowed 'em with her accordion.

We owe a vote of thanks to the army mess for supplying the wonderful food. It's proved one thing: Let's have more picnics.



Ward 5 has been having some good entertainment. Last Tuesday the 4th Army Band came up and all the men really enjoyed their music. Every Monday the Gray Ladies have a bingo party with prizes and good things to eat.

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Mrs. Leighton has been coming up to play the piano for community sings and Mrs. Fain, from the depot, has brought girls who give the men cookies and cigarettes and provide delightful conversation.

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The following was reported by
Mary Reid Simpson, Red Cross
Recreation Worker

There was an ice cream carnival on the Red Cross lawn Thursday evening. Patients enjoyed making their own strawberry, pineapple, and chocolate sundaes; topped with whipped cream and a cherry. Rich mixtures for sick men? Yes, but most appetizing. Horseshoe pitching proved the most popular outdoor game played, and there was wild guessing at the bean contest. Music furnished by two young accordionists added to the gaiety of the evening.

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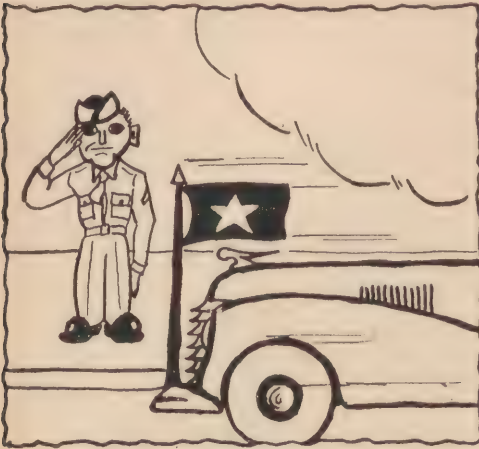
A real Texas Ranger, Mr. Armstrong, has entertained the patients on wards 5 and 8. In costume, and assisted by his yodeling cowgirl friend, he sings those familiar cowboy songs which the men enjoy.

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The following was reported by Evalyn
Turner, Red Cross Recreation Worker

Have you signed a donut? Sounds odd—but you can. If you are either a veteran coffee drinker or a new recruit at the

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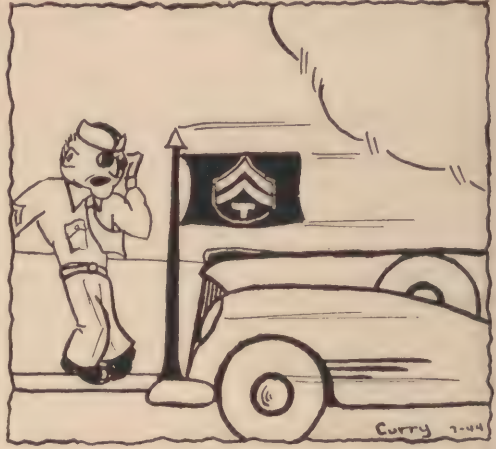


RED CROSS NEWS

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9:30 Coffee hour in the Red Cross building, won't you sign your name and your state on one of the donuts pinned on the bulletin board in the lobby? You never can tell when you'll spot an old buddy or a fella from your own home town or county. Let's try to fill up those donuts—and be sure to look over the other signatures, too—you donut dunkers.

Did you know—that Claudine Porter, ARC, is now Mrs. Thomas Bearden? You will remember Lt. Bearden as the magician who entertained you with his clever tricks when he appeared on several occasions on Red Cross programs. Lt. Bearden is an instructor in navigation at Hondo. The wedding took place in the chapel of the First Baptist Church on July 5th. We wish them every happiness.



NOTICE! NEW QUOTAS ANNOUNCED FOR OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOLS

New quotas have recently been received by the Eighth Service Command for the following Officer Candidate Schools:

- Medical Administrative Corps
- Transportation Corps
- Ordnance Department
- Signal Corps
- Quartermaster Corps
- Finance Department
- Corps of Engineers

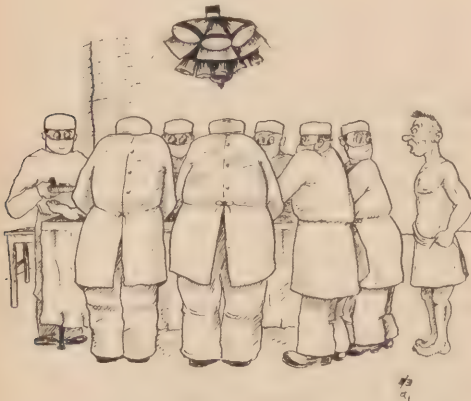
Enlisted men may apply for the Medical Administrative Corps Officers Candidate School, the Transportation Corps Officer Candidate School and the Judge Advocate General's Officer Candidate School even though they are not physically qualified for full military service (Par 8 f (3), Ch 6, AR 625-5, dated 31 March 1943. Necessary steps will be taken to insure that all qualified enlisted men are given an opportunity to apply for officer candidate school.

Since applications for officer candidate school are voluntary, they will be initiated by the enlisted men concerned and forwarded through command channels.

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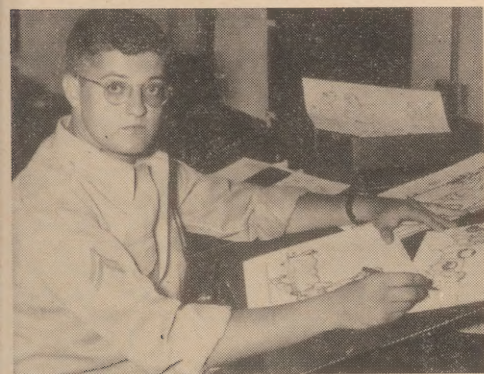
CORRECTION!

In the recent story which appeared in the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast on WAC enlisting established at Brooke General Hospital, the order of the WAC enlistees names under the photo was erroneous. The corrected order in which they should have read is as follows: Pvts. Dominga T. Hernandez, Ollie M. Jones, of San Antonio; Stella C. Kitson of Leakey, Texas; Sadie L. Langenberg, Dorothy I. Kubicek, and Marie G. Villastrigo, also of San Antonio.



"Stop shushin' me . . . I'm the patient!"
—By Cpl. M. Barbash,
B.G.H. Reconditioning Unit.

BROOKE RECONDITIONING UNIT NEWS



CORPORAL BARBASH WINS "BLAZON" CARTOON CONTEST

Cpl. Murray Barbash, former member of the Reconditioning Unit, Annex IV Brooke General Hospital, (Corporal Barbash is now with Special Services SPRC Fort Sam Houston) can assure you that "nothing ventured, nothing gained" is more than just a slogan in his case. The one and only cartoon he ever entered in a contest, proved to be a gain to the tune of \$8.50 (less nine cents for ink, paper, etc.). The winning cartoon appeared in the Blazon official publication of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on June 23rd as a First Prize Winner . . . and then was chosen as the best cartoon of the entire contest. As first prize winner, Barbash only received \$2.00, but as grand prize winner, he was awarded the other \$6.50.

Cpl. Barbash studied cartooning at the Central School for Business and Arts in New York City, which by the way is Barbash's home town, and upon graduation, he went to work for the Philip Morris Co., where he managed to have a few of his cartoons published in the Philip Morris magazine.

He was inducted at Camp Uptown, New York in October, 1942, and took his "basic" at Camp Swift. He was awaiting reassignment at the SPRC, Fort Sam Houston, Texas when he was stricken with appendicitis, and after a very successful operation, (he has gained twenty-two pounds since) is getting back into shape at the Reconditioning Unit. As soon as the war is won, Barbash intends to go in for Commercial Advertising . . . and with \$8.50 (minus nine cents for ink, paper, etc.) already stacked into his purse for just a few minutes work, he has it figured out that he'll make a cool \$1,000,000.00 (less nine thousand dollars for paper, ink, etc.) in the Commercial Advertising business. HMMMMMMMM—could be!

"CONVALESCENT CAPERS" FEATURES FORMER STARS OF STAGE, SCREEN AND RADIO

"Convalescent Capers," the regular Monday Night show at the Reconditioning Unit Auditorium, was star-studded with ex-performers who are now members of Annex IV. Included on the bill was "Slim" Gallord, who wrote "Flat-Foot Floogie" and "Tutti-Frutti" and other song hits. "Slim" is originally a member of the team "Slim and Slam". Both appeared in the movie version of "Hellzapoppin'" and quite a number of Broadway shows.

For the stage element in the show, there was tapologist S/Sgt. Washington, whose nimble feet have danced over a number of stage and night club floors.

Radio's gift to the "Capers" was Pfc. Mecca and his accordion. Mecca appeared on the bill with Miss Charline of San Antonio, Texas and their initial duo offering was "Sharpshooters March", then Mecca bowed out, and Miss Charline played her own arrangement of "Basin St. Blues". Pfc. Mecca returned to the stage and offered both with the accordion and the vocal chords, "Marta", which proved to be a show-stopper. As a final number, they both played their unique and very pleasant arrangement of "Beer-Barrel Polka".

Others on the bill were the Houston Sisters, Barbara Elbell, Anna Nell, and Miss Dottie Gilligan, all of San Antonio, Texas. Musical background was furnished by Mrs. Earl Methany.

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Two ambitious little fleas worked hard and saved their money. Finally, the great day came and they went out and bought a dog of their own!

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The bedside phone of one of the neighborhood doctors rang one night, awakening him from a sound slumber.

"This is Mr. Stevens, doctor," shrilled a voice. "It's my wife! You'd better come at once. It's her appendix."

The doctor sighed. "Go back to bed," he said, "she hasn't got appendicitis. I took her appendix out three years ago and I've never heard of anyone having two appendixes."

"Yeah," said the man bitterly, "but did you ever hear of a man having two wives?"

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There was a girl named Section,

With her I had a date—

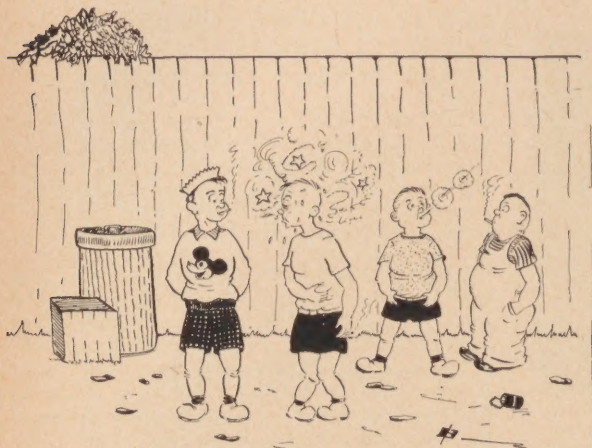
I took her to the restaurant,

And oh, how Section VIII!!

(LS) from Bian Foru

Hammond General Hospital.

Brooke Reconditioning News Unit, Continued



"WOW!! Does MY cigarette taste different lately!"

—By CPL. M. BARBASH,
B.G.H. Reconditioning Unit
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SIXTY-FIVE MEN ATTEND ALL-STAR BOXING MATCHES

Reported by Sgt. Joey Gottlieb

Thanks to the splendid co-operation of Lt. Sommers, Special Service Officer of Normoyle Field, sixty-five men of this Unit were able to attend the all-star boxing matches held at the Municipal Auditorium on July 4th. The men enjoyed the bouts immensely, and quite a few of the men were invited to the boxers' dressing rooms, and there managed to get their programs autographed by such outstanding fighters as Fritzie Zivic, Al Hostak and Bob Pastor.

Local Boxing Promoter Extends Invitation to Fifty Men at Annex IV

Mr. Gordy, Boxing promoter of San Antonio, Texas, has very graciously extended to Lt. Fabian, Special Service Officer of

the Reconditioning Unit, Brooke General Hospital, an invitation for fifty men of the Unit to attend the new Professional Boxing Matches. The matches are to be held at the Municipal Auditorium, and invitations took effect immediately, as the first bouts were held Tuesday, July 11. The main event will be a ten rounder for the Texas State Championship.



I'M AN AMERICAN

By John Cragin

Mine is the belief I need not hide,
Or worry someone will hear;
Mine is the right to walk with pride,
And talk without a fear.

Mine is the wealth of what I own,
My home, my children, my wife;
Mine is the treasure God has shown
In the wonderful joy of life.

Mine is strength that will never break;
My future holds no tie
With those who might seek to take
The rights for which I'd die.

Yes, I'm an American, glad to be,
And my belief cannot be wrong;
For here true freedom's a reality
One hundred-thirty million strong.



"MY GOODNESS! I Thought That Was The Staten Island Ferry."

—By CPL. M. BARBASH,
B.G.H. Reconditioning Unit

From The Special Service Office

UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE HELPS "G.I.s" TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION

Do you have a high school diploma? If not, what are you doing about working toward obtaining one? The following copies of three letters are evidence of the fact that you can complete or add to your education while in the army.

June 15, 1943.

Mr. Elton Walker, Principal
South Park High School
Gary, Indiana
Dear Sir:

While in the Military Service I have an opportunity to continue my education by correspondence study through the Armed Forces Institute.

While the South Park High School grant me credit for approved courses satisfactorily completed under the Armed Forces Institute? If so, for what subjects do you recommend that I enroll?

Very truly yours,
Pvt. Damon Jones

June 21, 1943.

Pvt. Damon Jones
DMD Bruns General Hospital
Sante Fe, New Mexico.
Dear Private Jones:

Received your letter inquiring about the continuation of your education while in the army. I am pleased to inform you that the South Park High School will grant you credit for courses completed satisfactorily under the United States Armed Forces Institute and I strongly recommend

that you enroll in the courses that you lack toward obtaining your High School diploma. Enclosed find a list of courses I recommend that you take.

Yours very truly,
Elton Walker, Principal
South Park High School
Gary, Indiana

June 29, 1944

Cpl. Damon Jones
DMB Bruns General Hospital
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Dear Damon:

I received a certificate of completion in the course of "ENGLISH 4" that you took under the supervision of the United States Armed Forces Institute. I now find that this credit, together with the work completed in the High School and the other courses taken by you while in the army, completes your High School Schedule and I consider it an honor and pleasure to mail you your High School diploma. It is indeed gratifying to know that you had sufficient ambition and zeal to go ahead with your education while in the army.

Congratulations,
Elton Walker, Principal
South Park High School
Gary, Indiana.

P.S. Have you noticed that the new G.I. "Bill of Rights" provides for the sending of discharged soldiers to college, all expenses paid, after the war? Contact the Special Service Office for more information on how you can further your education while still a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces.

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Welcome to Brooke, Captain Robert S. Hawthorne, our new Assistant Adjutant, and good luck to you, Captain Robert H. Pickel in your new assignment as C. O. of the Medical Detachment.

If you know someone who would make a good recruit for the WAC fill out the form below and mail to the Office of the Commanding General, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

SUGGESTED NAMES FOR W.A.C.

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| NAME | | | |
| Address | | | |
| Town and State | | | |
| Age | Race | Married | Single |
| NAME | | | |
| Address | | | |
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| Age | Race | Married | Single |

War Bond Winners

The following are proud possessors of War Bonds which they received at a drawing held at the Red Cross Building on 8 July 1944. Major C. L. Robertson received the \$500.00 bond, Captain G. H. Wegmann, 1st Lt. Werner Segall, and Eleanor C. Payne, Chief Clerk of the Retiring Board, are possessors of the \$100.00 bonds; S/Sgt. Marshall Romero, of the Reconditioning Unit, Annex IV; Charles W. Jackson, Colored Driver from the Garage; Margarita E. Wendel, Red Cross Worker; T/5 Hyman Weiss, of the Eighth Service Command Laboratory; 2nd Lt. Marie Harkin, A.N.C.; Captain J. M. Greenhouse, 2nd Lt. Wilbur C. Woolf, and Ima O. Marshall, of the Post Personnel Office, were delighted to receive \$25.00 bonds.

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WISHES OF A STUDENT

By Pvt. George Culp
Student in Med. Sec.
Medical Service School

I'm just a private in a medical school,
Where they make me study and work like
a mule.

They say I'll be a "Medical Tech",
So far, I'm just a nervous wreck.
I march all day from class to class,
And in the evenings I cut the grass.
They teach me a word a whole line long
And when I'm right, they say I'm wrong.

They talk about drugs and all about pills,
And they show me pictures that give me
chills.

They make me salute Lieutenants and
Captains too
And when I see a nurse, they say, "Salute
her, too!"

When Officers approach I come to
attention,
I even do things too horrible to mention.

When I've finished, they'll call me a
"Medic",

And all I have is a terrible headache.
They'll give me a stripe or maybe two,
And say, "From now on, it's up to you."

Now, confidentially, just between me and
you,

The only thing I want to do
Is not to be a Soldier or even a Gob,
It's just to go back to my old Civilian job.

Have You Given BLOOD to the Red Cross Bank?



The following names make the
'Honor Roll' this time:

John G. Saroz, 6 times.

Capt. Elsie Kuraner, P.T., 5 times

Martha Kriger, 4 times.

Pete Rivas, 4 times.

Joseph Feldstein has given blood
26 times at various blood banks. He
has gone twice with the regular Fri-
day afternoon group of BGH.

The following have given blood at
the Blood Bank three times: Cath-
erine P. Cullen, Marie Lehman, Celia
Lazarain, Willie Frank Moffett, Alice
Marie Robertson, and Mollie Robert-
son.

Mrs. Elsie Williams purchased the first
5th War Loan Bond among the civilians—
a \$500.00 Series G, it was announced by
Mrs. Hattie Eaves of the Civilian Per-
sonnel Office.

**Invasion is everyone's job—
BUY MORE WAR SAVINGS BONDS!**